

**PATENT****PENDING CLAIMS AS AMENDED**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1 – 8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) A method for a communication system comprising:

transmitting a request message, for acquiring a data packet channel, from a mobile station to a base station;

transmitting an assignment message, for said acquiring said data packet channel, from said base station to said mobile station;

transmitting a notification message from said base station to a base station controller, wherein said notification message informs said base station controller of a process of said acquiring said data packet channel;

completing said acquiring said data packet channel;

transmitting an indication message from said mobile station to said base station controller indicating a successful completing of said acquiring said data packet channel;

starting a timer at said base station controller for measuring time expired after receiving said notification message;

transmitting a radio link release message from said base station controller to said base station in response to detecting expiration of said timer with respect to a timer threshold before receiving said indication message.

10 – 18. (Canceled)

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19. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for a communication system comprising:

means for transmitting a request message, for acquiring a data packet channel, from a mobile station to a base station;

means for transmitting an assignment message, for said acquiring said data packet channel, from said base station to said mobile station;

means for transmitting a notification message from said base station to a base station controller, wherein said notification message informs said base station controller of a process of said acquiring said data packet channel

means for completing said acquiring said data packet channel;

means for transmitting an indication message from said mobile station to said base station controller indicating a successful completing of said acquiring said data packet channel;

means for starting a timer at said base station controller for measuring time expired after receiving said notification message;

means for transmitting a radio link release message from said base station controller to said base station in response to detecting expiration of said timer with respect to a timer threshold before receiving said indication message.

20. (Canceled)